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SUBJ: ARAFAT VISITS TUNIS

REF: CAIRO 5370

1. YASSIR ARAFAT VISITED TUNIS FOR SEVERAL HOURS

SATURDAY, JULY 20 TALKING AND DINING WITH BOURGUIBA.

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PRESS REPORTED HIM AS COMING FROM RABAT VIA ALGIERS.

NEXT STOP NOT SPECIFIED.

2. ARAFAT IS QUOTED AS SAYING HE FOUND BOURGUIBA FULLY UNDERSTANDING, AND THAT HE AND BOURGUIBA REACHED ACCORD ON THE SUBJECT OF THE QUESTIONS DISCUSSED. "PRES BOURGUIBA REAFFIRMED TUNISIAN SUPPORT, UNCONDITIONAL AND WITHOUT RESERVATIONS, FOR THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE," ARAFAT SAID. SUBJECTS DISCUSSED ARE NOT SPECIFIED. THERE HAS BEEN NO OFFICIAL TUNISIAN COMMENT, BUT ARAFAT'S STATEMENT IS ENTIRELY CONSISTENT WITH EARLIER TUNISIAN PRONOUNCEMENTS OF SUPPORT FOR PALESTINIANS.

3. BOURGUIBA HAD RECEIVED EARLIER SAME DAY LEBANESE "PROGRESSIVE SOCIALIST PARTY LEADER" TAOUFIK SOLTANE AS HEAD OF DELEGATION REPRESENTING KEMAL JUBLATT'S ARAB FRONT FOR SUPPORT OF THE PALESTINIAN REVOLUTION. SOLTANE LET IT BE KNOWN HE RAISED MATTER OF INCONSISTENCY BETWEEN ALGIERS SUMMIT'S DECISION THAT PLO IS SOLE REPRESENTATIVE OF ALL PALESTINIANS, AND ALEXANDRIA COMMUNIQUE WHICH EXCLUDED "RESIDENTS OF JORDAN" FROM THAT REPRESENTATION. TUNISIANS MADE NO PUBLIC STATEMENT AND SOLTANE DID NOT CITE THEM AS HAVING EXPRESSED AGREEMENT WITH THE DELEGATION.

4. COMMENT: ABSENCE OF TUNISIAN COMMENTARY MAY INDICATE GOT HAVING DIFFICULTY COPING WITH CURRENT PALESTINIAN FORMULATION RE EXCLUSIVE REPRESENTATION IN VIEW OF APPARENT GAP BETWEEN THAT POSITION AND SADAT'S (AS REPRESENTED BY ALEXANDRIA COMMUNIQUE AND EGYPTIAN FON MIN FAHMI'S INTERPRETATION OF IT). SEELYE

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